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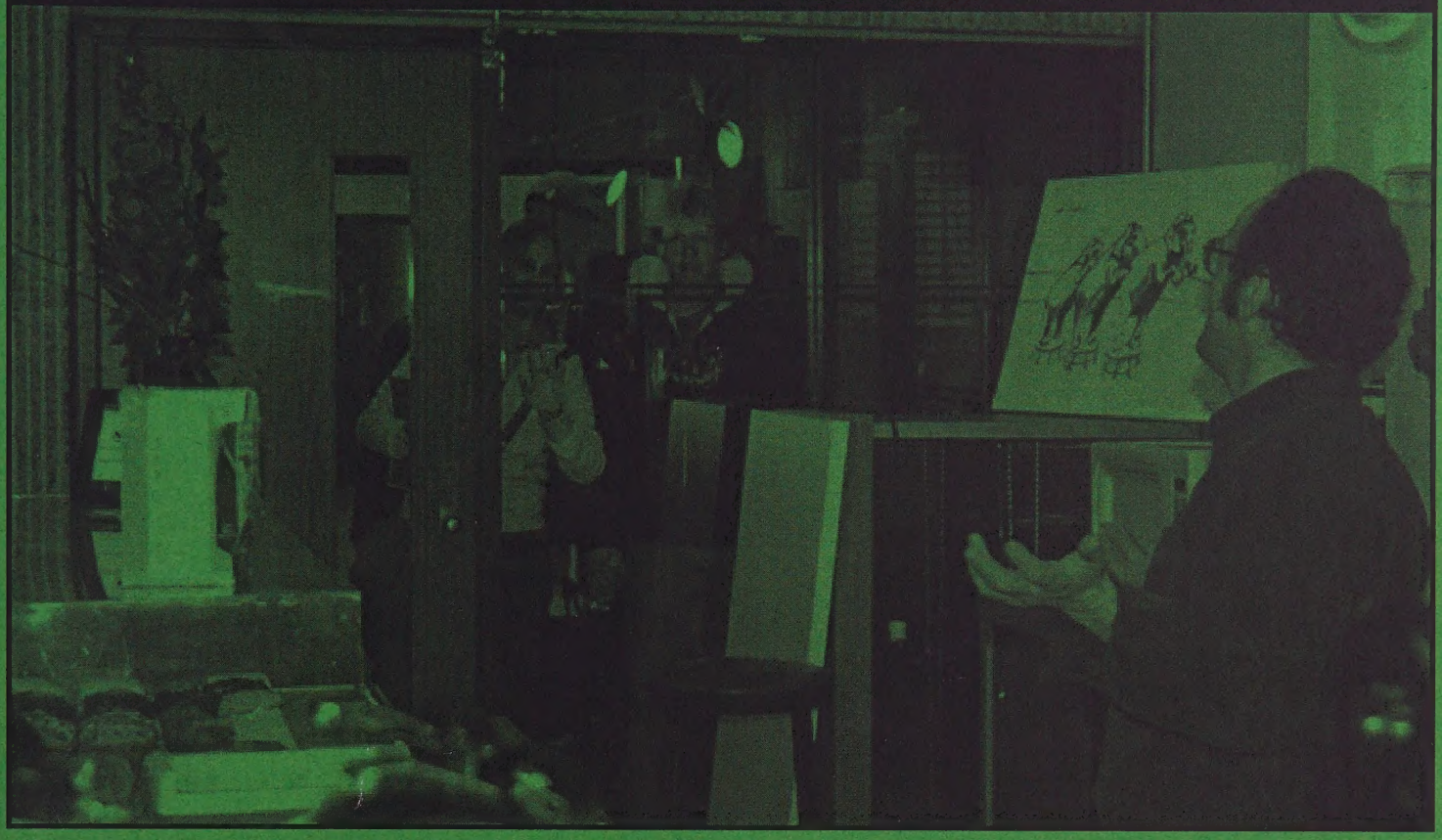

BRINGING DOWN THE GAVEL

NAVID NIKOU (1L)

If you're like me, you've probably noticed a few new faces hanging around the Gavel lately. The coffee business is picking up and so is the traffic going through our lounge. The only problem is that groups of non-law students have occasionally been spotted hanging out in the Gavel at night. They are generally studying, watching TV, playing games, or just sitting around and drinking the coffee that Steve left out for us. The explanation given has generally been that their law student friend let them in. It has also been suggested that the doors do not always close properly either.

After an unsuccessful attempt to speak to one of the LSA reps about the situation, I decided to head down and talk to Steve instead. We had a nice chat, but for some reason he refused to go on record until he had a chance to speak with Mark to "get their stories straight"! To be fair, I may have taken that quote completely out of context! I should also point out that Steve donates 5% of his sales back to the university (2.5% to the LSA, and the other 2.5% to the fine arts student association), and he does so completely of his own volition.

I decided to get to the bottom of the whole thing by going directly to the source. That's right, the big sexy himself: Mark Facundo! I actually managed to corner him at Carbolic of all places; luckily he was kind enough to take the time to talk to me. As I understand it the Gavel is open to the general public during the coffee shop's hours of operation. After 4pm however, only LSA members should have access to it. And there is an easy way to find out whether you're a member of the LSA or not, take a look in the who's who and see if you can spot your own picture. If you're not in there, chances are your One Card won't let you into the Gavel or the locker room.

To be honest, I have not been in law long enough to justify an "us versus them" mentality. However, I do agree with the point that we are paying extra for access to the Gavel, whereas people from other

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GRAD CAMs

ALLISON ENG (3L) & VISTA POURBAHRAMI (3L)

ALRIGHT 3Ls, fasten your memories.
Hear ye, hear ye, Canons of Construction is formally requesting all 3L CAMs.
Say what?
Condensed Annotated Memories, that's what.

Grad survey participation has been dwindling over the years. This year, we want every grad to be in the grad issue of *Canons*. EVERYONE.

To make your submission, complete these 3 easy steps:

1. Come up with a memory from law school.
2. Reduce it to 20 words or less (ie. Prof. Bauman, 1L Contracts, on call - "Actually, Ms. Eng, I don't give a damn about what you think." **gulp** or Prof Yahya, 1L Contracts, Socratic mishap "No Ms. Poubahrami good business sense is not consideration".)
3. Submit it to canons@ualberta.ca OR at the grad banquet (look for the *Canons* rep).

Now, if you don't submit something, we'll get a box of fortune cookies, crack'em open, and insert whatever it says by your name. And if that actually sounds appealing to you, we'll have your Foundations professor from first year to conjure up a few randomly controversial remarks to attribute to you.

Come on … let's preserve some good memories from law school!

Submission Deadline: Saturday, March 10, 2007 (Grad Banquet)

Also grads, this is your opportunity to have an ENTIRE issue of Canons devoted to you, the class of 2007. All the articles are either authored or inspired by grads and we cannot fill the pages alone so please contact us if you would like your voice showcased in the *Grad 2007* Issue of Canons.

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faculties can simply walk in and enjoy the facilities without any financial contribution. But exclusive access for LSA members is not only impractical; it also makes very little financial sense. If we want our own coffee shop, then we have to support and help it prosper.

What I am actually concerned with is potential damage to the facilities. And if you think I'm being paranoid, then perhaps you should speak to one of the 3Ls about this issue in the past. I have at least another two years left in my degree and I'm planning on spending a healthy portion of that in the Gavel. So I guess what I'm saying is that we all need to be more watchful of our beloved Gavel to make sure it's still around for us to enjoy for years to come.

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The Clinton J. Ford Moot

Professor Gerald Gall

For the past three years, I have had the privilege of organizing the Clinton J. Ford Moot Competition. This competition is an in-house exercise with mooters consisting entirely of third year students. Traditionally, the moot has focused upon criminal/constitutional issues although , in recent years, it has been broadened to include other issues as well. This year the problem related to constitutional law, family law and procedural issues. Since so many issues were potentially involved in the particular problem, it was decided at a meeting of the mooters and myself to limit the issues to two questions - one being a constitutional issue(section 15 of the Charter) and the other being a procedural issue (locus standi).

The students participating in the moot were all hard working and talented individuals chosen competitively during the Brimacombe round). They were Jon Wescott, Kari Sejr, Vista Pourbahrami and Shannon Kleinshroth.

Many of the competitive moots are somewhat more glamorous than the Clinton J, Ford competition in the sense that students travel to major cities across Canada and, while away, combine vigorous mooting with social and sightseeing events. That is not the case with the Clinton J, Ford Moot. However, few realize that it is the most 'lucrative' moot in that both the winning team and the runner-up team receive healthy prizes. Each member of the winning team receives a barrister's gown, a gift valued around $1200 to $1500 compliments of the Alberta Department of Justice. And each member of the runner-up team receives a generous book prize. For the participants, the moot is a valuable learning experience and there is really no losing side.

The Clinton J. Ford Moot Competition is also designed to assist first year students in preparation for their compulsory moot exercise. To that end, the moot participants here serve as a model for first year students in attendance. This year, during the actual competition, the moot court was virtually full, providing the first year students in attendance some valuable guidance in preparation for their upcoming moots.

The organization of the moot went smoothly this year partly thanks to Jon Wescott who provided assistance with administrative arrangements and served as a contact person with respect to sharing and exchanging logistic information with all of the other mooters.

There were three preparatory or practice rounds with lawyers acting as the judges for these rounds. They were Jim Bowron of the provincial Department of Justice, Jon Rossall of McLennan Ross and Wally McKall of McGuaig Desrosiers.

The actual competition round was a great success, a view shared by the mooters, the judges and the first year students in attendance. In fact, the judges were very impressed with the quality of the mooting. The moot was held on Valentine's Day, a fact that perhaps contributed to a warm-hearted atmosphere as part of a positive and highly valuable learning experience. Congratulations to all who were involved.

Mooting Up a Storm: The Jessup

Yuk-Sing Cheng (2L)

Moot. Along with terms like *pro bono*, it's one of those law school things that my non-law school friends tend not to *really* get when they first hear it.

Confession time. You see, I've had the serendipitous experience of being involved with three different mooting competitions this year. No, you didn't read that wrong, three is the right word. They've ranged from practical skills-based partner competitions (Negotiation and Client Counseling) to the more traditional appellate court team moot that I'm away in Toronto for right now (Jessup-International Law).

When I was first asked to write an article about mooting, and my experiences with the entire thing this year, I was hard pressed to come up with something. To be honest, I still am.

What exactly would be appropriate (not to mention attempting something interesting) for such an article? Do I hit on the highlights? Do I share amusing *schadenfreude*-inducing travel stories? Do I talk about being one of the few visible minorities at the stateside competitions I've been to thus far (one of the few others being my moot partner)? Or perhaps a discussion on the irony of having two Asian guys from Vancouver represent the University of Alberta at such competitions? Or how much I've always secretly enjoyed travelling on someone else's tab?

Tough call. I'll settle instead for a short list of lessons learned from mooting (you can ask me about everything else in person):

1. This whole moot business is a lot of work. I'm not going to lie, it's been a lot more work than I expected, a lot more work than I was told it would involve, and even a lot more work than I was warned about. Ask me in a few months if it was worth the blood and tears. Nothing bonds like shared tribulations though- just ask the rest of my team.

2. It might be a good time to worry about mooting when you tell your co-workers about making it onto the Jessup moot team, and their responses include: "But you're just in second year", "Ohhh, congratulations… that's *really* intense, good luck with that" and "You're going to do that *and* work?"

3. Mooting comes with strange rules. Once you're there, you can't reveal where you're from, what the weather's like back home, what law

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How to Prepare Fpr a Moot That Will Make Your Mother Proud

Shannon Kleinschroth (3L)

If you're a touch paranoid (like me), you may have tried to prepare for your first year moot by joining Toastmasters. If not, it's too late now. But it's not too late to use the following tips:

KNOW WHY IT WOULD BE UNJUST FOR YOUR SIDE TO LOSE

You need to know why your argument should succeed before you can persuade someone else. Break it down to its simplest components. Ask: *Why would it be an injustice for my side to lose this moot?* The theory you come up with should aid you through the entire moot. It is a foundation both for preparing oral arguments and to reflect upon when answering questions.

BUILDING AN ARGUMENT

If the judges took the time to read your factum carefully, they will not appreciate it if you simply read it. Remember, oral arguments are an opportunity to persuade the judges in a new way. Don't squander it.

You need to start with a roadmap. State your theory of the law briefly, and the grounds you will discuss that support your theory. Do not let your originality confuse the person deciding the issue! Similarly, make it very clear when you are transitioning to a new theme.

Be efficient! If you're mooting for twelve minutes, only prepare seven minutes of arguments. You'll be lucky to finish that much if your presentation is interesting (there will be questions). And if you prepare excessive material there'll be pressure to plow through it all, which means your speakingwillspeedupandyouruntheriskthat NO ONE understandswhatyou'rearguing.

DO NOT READ!

Do not underestimate how boring it is to listen to someone read. The judges did not come for a lecture; they came for a "dialogue." So prepare your arguments pretending that you're discussing an interesting point of law with a professor. You wouldn't read your notes in that context, so don't read now.

There's nothing wrong with having a sheet or two outlining your key authorities or arguments. (But if you MUST have notes, I recommend a large font so that you don't lose your place.)

BE ONE WITH YOUR MATERIALS

Reading is a waste of time if you know your materials inside and out. So prepare! Tab key passages in all of your authorities, and the factums. There is nothing more impressive when faced with a difficult question than being able to directly quote a passage from a case (that supports your point).

PREPARING FOR THE UNKNOWN – QUESTIONS

This was always the part of the moot that scared me. Until this year. I finally memorized my arguments and didn't use notes, which made answering the judges questions a breeze (maybe even fun) because I was comfortable with all of my knowledge. That said:

- *Make sure that your arguments proceed at a slow, intelligible pace.* Not only will the judges be able to understand you, but it buys you more time when answering questions. If you argue quickly, and are then stumped by a question, the gaping silence that follows while you think of your answer will be considerably more uncomfortable than it would have been if you had taken your time!
- *Do not speak until you know your answer.* Do not start talking and hope for the best. This will lead you to foolish answers, and a judge may take advantage of that and ask you more about it, leading you to more foolishness.
- *Leave a question you want the judges to ask you.* If you have a deathly fear of questions, leave an area or two of the law unaddressed that the bench will likely ask about. If you are asked, you can wow them with your comfort with their questions in this area.
- *Listen to earlier questions asked of your opponents or teammate.* This will impress the judges. From above they know if you're paying attention. And it will also help you prepare your rebuttal, or potentially answer future questions. It's impressive when you can refer to an earlier question posed by the bench when answering a new question.

WRAP-UP AT MINUTE MARK

When you only have a minute left, do not try to squeeze in one more argument. Unless you're mid-question, start to wrap-up. Do not fail to conclude your arguments and re-iterate why it is just for you to win (or conversely, why it would be unjust for your opponent to win). A strong finish is a sign of a moot to be proud of, regardless of who wins.

And if this year's experience doesn't go as well as you hope, there's always the potential for redemption next year at Brimacombe!

The Laskin Moot

Mark Ammann (3L) & Denis Lefebvre (2L)

Seinfeld aficionados will remember from one of Jerry's routines that the number one fear for the average American is speaking in public. Death is number two. Most people would rather be in the casket than giving the eulogy. Some readers likely felt similarly after completing their mandatory 1L moots.

However, if you've ever been curious about national moots this article is indented to introduce a problem characteristic for this type of moot, and provide some insights into the experience itself.

Our Problem: Mr. A was a computer technician whose business required him to travel in Canada, the US, and overseas. He was disproportionately targeted for secondary searches or detainment at airport security.

The issue heated up when he was refused boarding on his way to Winnipeg from Ottawa because of his presence on a "no-fly list." All attempts (including a trip to the Federal Court of Appeal) to either remove his name or find out the information that put him on the list failed. This is where the Administrative Law part of the Laskin Moot begins.

Denis Lefebvre, Counsel for the Appellant: At its core, the Minister's use of Mr. A's private information gathered by CSIS and the RCMP was illegal. I argue that the Minister's enabling statute does not provide him with the authority to create and maintain a no-fly list, making his decisions *ultra vires.* If Parliament intended to accord the Minister such sweeping powers, necessary amendments would have been made via the *Anti-terrorism Act,* much in the same way that the *Criminal Code* was amended.

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In the Best Interest of Children? Not if You Don't Know the Law

Lori Nash (3L)

On February 9th, 2007, I attended Dr. Paul Millar's lecture "In the Best Interest of Children? Custody Outcomes in Canada". Dr. Millar discussed the concept of "best interest" in relation to children in custody matters. I found his discussion extremely problematic because of: his lack of understanding of the status of current Canadian family law, and the leaping assumptions he made from Federal statistics on which parent has custody following a divorce.

Dr. Miller's theory is that women unjustly receive sole custody of children following a divorce due to the fact that they are women. He feels that the court should determine custody on the basis of which parent yells less, and which parent does not use corporal punishment. I feel that it is logical to assume children are less aggressive when there is no violence or yelling in their homes; however, I am not sure how the courts could realistically determine which parent spanks or yells less.

The real issue I had with Dr. Millar's theory, is that he looked at all custody matters that were resolved using the federal *Divorce Act*. He failed to take into account the fact that only 1% of custody issues are actually contested and go to trial. Of that 1% of cases, it is the men in the majority of that cases that receive custody of the children. Therefore, the court rarely is making the determination of which parent should have custody based on the best interest of the child test. Dr. Millar was asked about the fact that so few custody cases go to court to which his response was that divorcing couples choose to give custody to the mother because of the perception that the court would do the same. I am troubled by this response because it goes against the statistics of custody disputes that actually go to trial.

Furthermore, Dr. Millar does not understand what the current state of the law is, and routinely stated the status of the law wrongly; this made me question if he spoke to any lawyers before embarking on his dissertation.

Dr. Millar made a lot of assumptions which he did not address in his lecture, and which are concerning. He suggested a complete revamping of how custody disputes should be resolved without adequately addressing whether his assumptions are correct. One of these assumptions is that women are getting custody of children just because they are women. Using Dr. Millar's own theory that a child should go to the parent who is less aggressive in nature, he might have wanted to look at the social science behind which sex (gender) is less aggressive in nature. Dr. Millar's research found that one of the indicators of aggressive behaviour is gender. This theory has been well documented by numerous social scientists, that men tend to be more aggressive and violent then women. Dr. Millar did not discuss this well known finding.

Dr. Millar would also like custody matters and child support issues to be dealt with outside of the courts. For custody related issues, Dr. Millar suggested that parents are best suited to decide the best interest of the child because he does not feel that the courts can adequately understand the social science necessary to decide "the best interest of children."

Dr. Millar's comments on the legal system also miss one critical issue, that the court when determining the best interests of a child looks at that individual child. Dr. Millar's research is based on statistics, on a broad sample group such that the average stat is not even the average person. The statistical average is a average of a group but it fails to apply to a specific person. As a result the two concepts are at odds and one cannot be used to explain the other.

One of the attending sociology professors made the comment that judges do not understand this type of research, and the statistical analysis behind it. Personally, my undergraduate work was in sociology, and from that perspective I do not understand how Dr. Millar reached his conclusion; but from the law's perspective, I feel it would be very hard for any judge to use this research because it is premised on a complete lack of understanding of Canadian law. Social Science research can be very helpful in assisting the courts to determine issue at trial, but they have to have some sound basis. When research is based on wrongful conclusion on what the law is, how can this ever be helpful to a judge in determining issues of custody?

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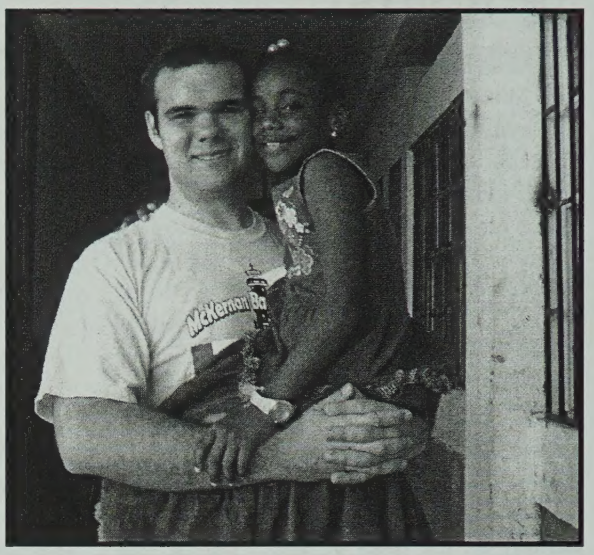
Mike Gunther (2L) - Jamaica



This reading week, I find myself in the land of bobsleds and Bob Marley. It is currently about 30 degrees outside, and not a cloud in the sky (well, not many). Yet, I am not lying on the beach. Instead, I am spending most of the week working with an organization called STEM, helping the people of Montego Bay, Jamaica in several different contexts.

Earlier in the week, our group spent a day at a home for handicapped children. It was truly an eye opening experience. The terrible medical circumstances of these Jamaican kids is a true contrast to the health care system of Canada. We also spent time at homes for abused boys and girls, singing songs, helping out, and playing sports with the kids.

The immense poverty in Jamaica is astounding. I always perceived Jamaica to be a place "just a little poorer than the First World." Aside from the tony resorts along the waterfront, living conditions are quite poor, and there are many destitute people. Spending time here outside the "tourist destinations" truly re-inforces how wealthy and privileged we are in Edmonton. Yes, we may be cold often. But we are truly blessed to have money, good shelter and good circumstances.

Allison Murray (2L) - New England

My boyfriend and I decided to go somewhere we hadn't been before, so we randomly chose New England. Below are some observations from the trip.

Day 1:

Read two pages of my notes (that's it for reading week), sleep at the airport, and get on the Air Canada flight 2 hours late (of course). We finally arrive in Boston but our suitcases do not, so I have no camera, toque, gloves or scarf and it is cold. Lost luggage isn't really that bad as I have an excuse to go shopping.

Day 2:

Boston Sightseeing: I buy a disposable camera (thanks AC!). We walk around Boston Common, established as a cattle grazing common in 1630. Apparently, the city's bylaws still state that residents' cattle can graze. I had a great seafood lunch, although I doubt that many of my classmates would have appreciated it. We stop by Cheers for a beer. The suitcases finally arrive.

Day 3:

Fenway Park: The stadium appears empty and under construction, but just as we are about to leave a tour group walks by. We slip in; later to find out that everyone else has paid. After the tour, we make up for our delinquency with a donation to the team's charity.

Harvard: The law school has a classroom full of students typing away on stat holiday and the library (ID required for entrance) is open until 2 am.

MIT: Posters all over campus offering $5000 - $10,000 for egg donation (sperm only fetches $700).

Day 4:

Shopping.

Day 5:

Breakfast: We watch a food fight in the motel lobby after one woman accuses the woman from a neighbouring room of being too loud.

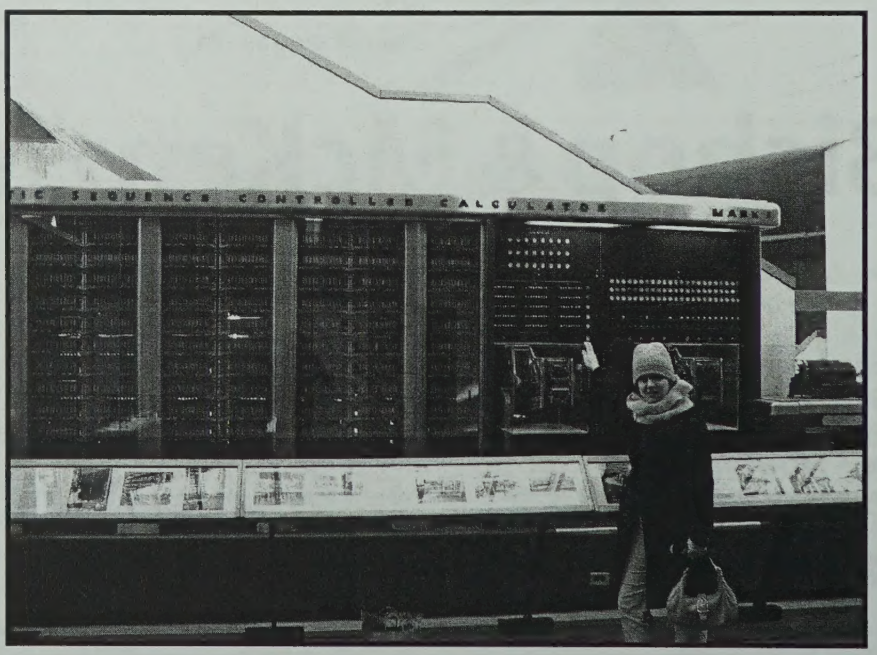
Yale: We are unable to locate the Skull & Bones tomb, but see an unmarked tomb like structure. The law school looks like a castle and the security guard agrees to let me walk around the first floor.

Day 6/Day of gluttony (Vermont/Maine):

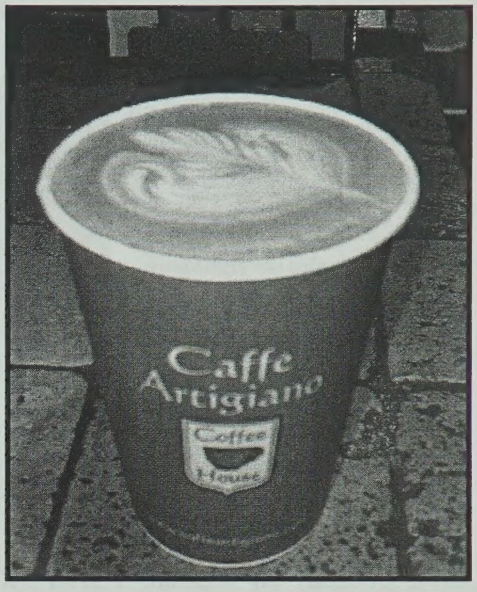
Brewery tour, cheese factory tour , Ben & Jerry's factory tour, and a lobster feast. En route to Maine we stop at Irving Oil (those evil Irvings!) for gas out of desperation.

Day 7:

We stop briefly in Salem before going to the airport. I was tempted to ask a strange looking lady if she actually practices witchcraft, or just pretends to (see CC 365).



Allison Eng (3L) - Vancouver Student Conference



Yesterday afternoon was spent with new friends - law students from Toronto, Windsor, and UNB. After loading up on sushi and roasted chestnuts at Granville Island, we explored downtown Vancouver before heading over to the Law Courts Inn, where the Christian Legal Fellowship's Student Conference banquet was held that evening.

Good company made good conversation and good times. After disembarking the tiny rainbow-trimmed ferry from Granville Island, some highlights from our time together included:

'Kitchy widgets'. 'Kitchy': a word invented by Ontarians. What they describe as 'kitchy', I (and presumably other Albertans) call 'widgets'. Uniting verb and noun, we arrived at 'kitchy widgets'! Less interesting is what spawned this conversation, though the story behind the phrase would otherwise be incomplete: in short, a couple fellows were looking for souvenir key chains. Remember all that stuff we came home with on Career Day? Kitchy widgets!

Our mutual addiction. Caffè Artigiano, it turns out, is the home of the three-time Canadian Barista Champion. My latté was perfect, and I was thoroughly impressed by the leaf that my 'barista' created out of the foam. (see picture)

Searching for jade. One of the guys wanted to find jade jewelry for his wife, so we walked to Tinseltown in Chinatown. Hate to admit it, but I was as clueless about jade as the guys were. Fortunately, he didn't leave empty-handed.

A splendid afternoon it was.

Phil du Heaume (2L) - Monrovia, Liberia

Some people spend reading week actually reading. Others go to Mexico for fun, sun and mojitos. There are some of us, however, who spend the week in true adventurous style... This is my story.

Day 1: February 16th, 2007.

I always forget how much I hate airplanes... The fat man in the seat beside me has completely usurped my armrest, and but for the cheese-like aroma emanating from his body, I would have fallen asleep by now. Oh well, I may as well capitalize on this moment and begin writing my travel memoirs. In only a few short hours I will touch down in Liberia to begin my trek. It won't be an easy journey, but it isn't everyday that I am approached to raise money for orphaned howler monkeys. On February 19th I will be participating in a charity deathrace through the mountainous jungles of Guinea. I can hardly wait.

Day 2: February 17th, 2007.

After waiting for 3 hours outside my hotel in Monrovia I have finally met my travel companion Professor Archibald von Noodlebagel. He claims to be a famous water ecologist, but hasn't heard of Dr. Bill. I remain suspicious. Alas, he is the only person here who knows the whereabouts of the deathrace so we will travel northeast to the mountains together.

Day 4: February 19th, 2007.

I am beginning to think that Professor von Noodlebagel is not who he claims to be. We should have arrived at the deathrace yesterday, but have instead been driving aimlessly between mountain villages. Perhaps it's paranoia getting the better of me, but I'm sure he has been signalling into the jungle with his monocle. I try to stay awake, but since taking the aspirin he kindly offered me I can't seem to keep my eyes open...

Day 7: February 22nd, 2007.

I have awoken 3 days later to find myself alone and deep in the jungle. Professor von Noodlebagel has vanished, and I am surrounded by feral chimpanzees. Fear has overcome me, but if I don't escape soon I will be torn apart by ravenous primates. I came to Liberia with intentions of raising money for monkeys in a deathrace and am instead in a race against death at the hands of apes. Even now I cannot deny the irony. The largest chimp seems to be enthralled with the buttons of my trousers. Perhaps I can formulate some sort of plan where I trade my pants for freedom. It worked in Ponoka...

Day 8: February 23rd, 2007.

I no longer have pants and am still surrounded. Things are looking bleak.

Day 9: February 24th, 2007.

Finally, a breakthrough! I bested the large male in a battle of wits, and have replaced him as leader of the troop. If only I had remembered earlier that chimpanzees always go "rock" in a game of rock-paper-scissors. Unfortunately, it is too late for me to rejoin the deathrace in Guinea and I will instead have to live among the apes as King of the Jungle.

Day 10: February 25th, 2007.

This morning I awoke in a strange place for the second time. It turns out I was never in Liberia after all. My flight was apparently rerouted and I have spent the last 9 days in a Bangladeshi opium den. Though this doesn't explain where my pants are, I am comforted by the knowledge that I can rejoin humanity. Unfortunately I will first have to spend the next 2 months in the law library.

Allison Ross (1L) - Edmonton!

While fellow classmates are on vacations to the Bahamas, Mexico, the Dominican Republic, Calgary, I am in Edmonton. I am in the city that never sleeps, well other than that period between two and five where I don't hear garbage trucks outside my apartment. While others are lazing around on the beach, I am lazing around on my extremely comfortable chair from Staples (its ergometric...can you say that about the soft white sand in Mexico?).

Edmonton. I never thought I would be spending a full reading week here. My first year in Edmonton, I wasted away two perfectly good days going shopping in Spokane Washington. This year, I rectified the situation by going shopping not once, but twice in our very own West Edmonton Mall. It truly was a thrill to battle the hoards of people that had come down for family day weekend. I never felt more alive then when I was weaving in and out of families, and almost crashing into stray two year olds that had lost their way.

I left the comforts of my bedroom over reading week. I needed adventure, I needed something new, I needed a bed with sheets (while I did laundry). I made the long trek into my living room and settled in my humble, but luxurious twin bed that I normally use for a couch. This five star resort was coupled with a fantastic view of the city, and was all-inclusive (until my groceries lasted). I got some much needed relaxation time with my good friends Marissa, Ryan, Seth and Summer as we caught up on what has been happening in their lives in the O.C.

My break was not without culture. While I could have been in Paris, Rome or Vienna, I was educating myself on the wonders of cinema. Not only did I manage to immerse myself in documentaries, foreign films and indie classics, I also managed to see the three major romantic comedies of the year: *Catch and Release*, *Music and Lyrics* and *Because I Said So*. In addition, I was able to sample delicacies from all over the world, as long as they were within a three minute walk from my "hotel" (aka apartment). When I didn't want to break my intense relaxation, I learned that peanut butter and jam can go on anything bread-like. (Being at a five star hotel, I didn't want to get groceries...)

As much as I enjoyed my vacation in Edmonton, next year I may have to lessen my good times and go somewhere warm. It will be difficult and I may be disappointed, but I'll make the sacrifice and vacation at some all-inclusive somewhere. I guess I'll just have to cry into my pina coladas as I sit by the ocean, remembering the ergonometric chair, South Edmonton Common cinema, and West Edmonton Mall.

"Book Course" Breaks New Ground

Professor Bruce Ziff

During the current academic year the Faculty of Law has been engaged in an interesting pilot project. The project is entitled, simply, "The Book Course". Students in this 599 offering have formed a writers' co-operative, the goal of which is to create a monograph of publishable quality by the end of the academic year. Authorship of the finished product will be shared. The book is provisionally entitled "The Law of Adverse Possession in Canada".

The class has been meeting throughout the academic year to discuss various aspects of the project such as coverage and style of presentation. Along the way, there have been various assignments -- preparation of a draft table of contents; literature and case law searches; chapter outlines; and draft chapters. Seminar presentations of the draft chapters will be ongoing in March.

Students in the course requested that we seek a contract with a legal publisher for the manuscript. The result of these efforts is an agreement with Irwin Law. In fact, it is Irwin Law's intention to develop a series of student monographs based on our pilot.

As to the educational value of such an enterprise, consider the response of William Kaplan, the publisher at Irwin:

> As I indicated our meeting, this sounds like a really interesting project. It works on so many levels. It will attract good students who want to publish something. It will get those good students working not alone but as a team, just like they will be working in firms. It should produce some excellent scholarship in areas that otherwise might not get the kind of attention this kind of course will focus on: discrete but important areas of the law. Thinking ahead, one can immediately imagine a whole bunch of topics across a wide spectrum that would engage students and be of great benefit to the profession. We thank you for bringing this proposal to us.

We are not aware of a comparable course in any law school, anywhere. And Associate Dean Renke has given the green light to run another Book Course for the upcoming year. Registration will take place in the normal way during the registration period. Next year's topic has not yet been selected (though it will have something to do with property law).

Candygram Success!

Ouch...Baby, you're so sweet you make my teeth hurt!

Valentine's Day is all about sharing the love...and the sweets!! This year, law students were able to satisfy their sweet tooth while sending Candygram greetings to all their friends and other random cuties from the 'Who's Who'! Law Student's Philanthropy delivered over 200 candygrams to love-struck students in class on Feb. 14th. These lucky 'objects of affection' received a personalized Valentine and a bag of candy to help keep them alert and sugar-high during class. Special thanks to Ryan McFarlane who contributed his creativity and artistic talent in designing the Valentines. Combined proceeds from the sale of Candygrams and the "Get your Heart On" mixer totaled over $500 and were donated to the Heart and Stroke Foundation in keeping with the heart-throb theme for the month. Thanks to everyone for your support of healthy hearts and hopefully your candygrams created a bit of Valentine romance to get your own hearts pumping fast!

LSA Elections

MIKE SHARP (3L)

It may seem early, but March is now upon us and that means we're in store for plenty of college basketball and a set of law student elections. It's almost a little sad that the current year of student representation and service is coming to a close, but I'm comforted by the fact that we have more than enough willing and able students to take over the reigns for the departing third years and ensure that the U of A law student body continues as one of the most collegiate and enthusiastic in the country.

As the outgoing LSA VP General, I've been charged with the duty of running this year's elections. On the plus side, this position gives me almost unlimited powers over disqualifying candidates, however it also means that I'm not allowed to vote. Soooooooo, there's no real need to suck up to me more than the usual.

I don't feel the burning desire to go into detail about the advantages of being involved in student government and extracurriculars (everyone's resume is already as padded as yours is, so please make sure you have additional reasons for getting involved). I should, however, take this chance to say that my three years of involvement with law student committees and groups has been very fulfilling. Working with fellow students and some great faculty members has provided me with a behind the scenes look at the Faculty, a chance to develop my problem solving and communication skills, and most importantly, the opportunity to be a part of great teams that can make real differences in student life.

There are many different types of student group opportunities available. Outside of the (debatably) prestigious positions on the LSA Executive, elections will also be run for the 2009 Grad Committee, the Year Book Committee, Articling Committee, Student Appeals, Recruitment, Admissions, and several others. Brief descriptions of the positions available will be made available in hard copy on the LSA bulletin board.

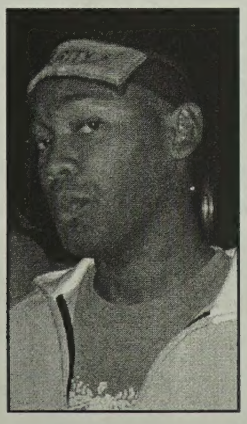
Once again, I encourage everyone to get involved in student life in whichever way you feel comfortable. I know that I'm glad that I've taken advantage of what our student body has to offer; I don't plan to have any regrets over missed opportunities when I'm banging my head against the CPLED assignment on my computer screen next year.

PS: Please follow all of the campaigning rules very closely, you will be running against fellow law students, after-all. And don't try any sneaky on-line stuff; I'm on the Facebook - I'll catch you. ;)

So, Where's My Groupies?

RYAN LEE CHEE (3L)

Three years ago, I came to law school with a laptop, a haircut and a smile. I remember, the Dean's speech, the LSA president's address and numerous other talks. It was a long day talking about how we have embarked on an interesting journey, an honored profession, and that during these years we would form lifelong bonds which were referred to as "friendships". (Still trying to get that concept around my head). Throughout this day, I remember thinking, "Yeah law school, with this degree I should be able to get some groupies for sure…"



And now, almost three years later, with a professional degree within my grasps I believe the question that begs to be answered are "So, where are my groupies?" You know members of the opposite sex that care only of your accomplishments and not who you are as a person. Now don't start hating on this article already, you are thinking groupies in a derogatory sense. You are thinking of the girls who hang out backstage at a rock concert, or the women who paint on a mini-skirt and wait by the VIP room with the Oilers inside.

Actually that's what I was thinking too.

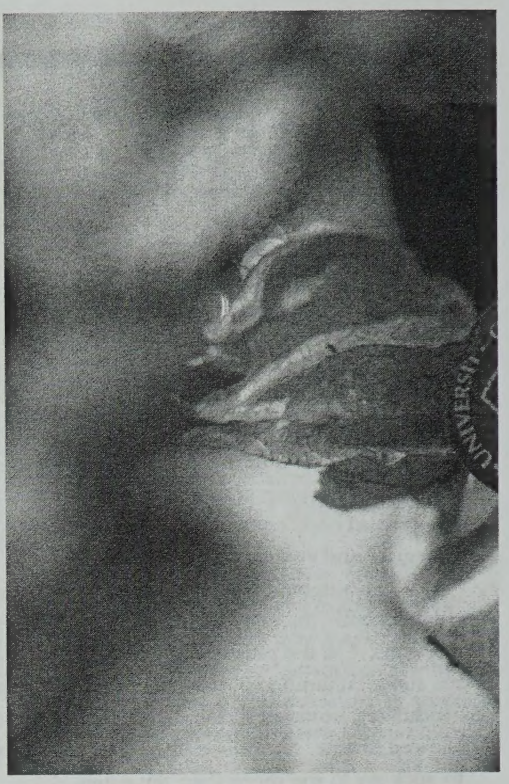
But after further research, and several trips to the doctor later, I realized groupies can take many forms. Especially in a faculty with 51% females, there has been a significant rise in the male groupie. And I applaud those men who have not let a preconceived notion of what a man "ought" to be deny him the right to try new roles in our ever changing society.

Carbolic was a beautiful illustration on how the fight for male equal rights is succeeding. The female law students walking around in stunning dresses, flashing their expensive purses and what was this next to them? The male groupie. Dressed well, his main job to look pretty and match his girlfriend's dress, to take pictures and to occasionally hold her drink. At times, the male groupie looked bored, wondering when his female date would finally be drunk enough to take him home. He smiled politely, wore a shirt that was probably too tight for him, and god knows those dress shoes were killing his feet.

When talking to a male groupie I asked him what he liked about his date. His reply, "…she's smart, good head on her shoulders, I mean she's in law school, how many girls do you date that are in law school?"

How about that? Not one comment on her humor, kindness, fun-loving nature or her looks. All those things just didn't matter to the male groupie.

So the question arises, why does this law girl get to bring some male cheerleader from Ohio State to Carbolic and I'm stuck kissing Nitin Bhatia or Mark Facundo? And once again it begs the question…"So where's my groupies?"



Carbolic

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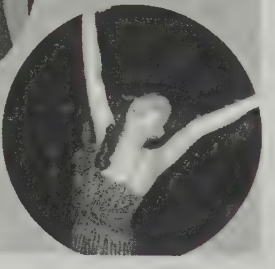
Smoke Ball



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Law Students Only

Corey Sandquist (2L)

There are a massive number of regulations and directions that are present in our society. These are designed for one main purpose: to facilitate our lives. They are designed to give direction and standardize rules that we all follow in order to avoid chaos. For example, consider the stop sign. It's just fantastic: simple, obvious, easy to understand. People see it and know they must stop. It ensures that people don't run into each other, causing injury and property damage. Further to that, it's not a hard concept to understand. A big sign that says "STOP" is pretty much self explanatory. This is the case for most other signs as well. Consider the no smoking sign. Again, it is simple and easy to understand. People are made fully aware that their right to smoke is curtailed in that particular area.

So, why is it that these signs that are so simple, so easy that even completely illiterate people can understand them, don't seem to be effective? There are two possibilities, or a combination of both: a) people don't understand them, and/or b) people ignore them. I will deal with the latter first. Could people really ignore them? Could people ignore the simple, easily understandable signs that are merely meant to inform them of their rights and responsibilities? Surely, in a world where people are so adamant about their rights they would not ignore something that informs them on what those rights actually are. Perhaps maybe it's just easier to be convinced that you have all the rights in the world, even though they have not been conferred and are not actually justified. Surely, it is not the case that people are that ignorant of their environment.

Thus, it must be the first option: people just don't understand these signs. I know this seems like an odd concept, since signs are designed for simplicity. For example "Law Students Only" appears fairly easy and fairly self explanatory. It says, in plain English, that if you are not a law student, you do not have the right to be in that area. However, it seems that it is not that simple. Presumably, people in the library should be at least somewhat literate, and should be able to understand at least the majority of that message. Perhaps it's that they understand the concept, but don't understand why it is that way. Well, the why is not the question to be solved by the sign. If an individual is unaware of why the sign gives or takes that right, or doesn't agree with it, good for them. However, it doesn't really matter whether they agree with it or not; the individual's agreement or disagreement does not affect the fact that the sign is conveying. Or better yet, make a complaint to someone with authority to change it. Although this will not likely work in scenarios where there is a reason the individual "just doesn't like," maybe at least it will enlighten people to the fact that there is no absolute right to everything. Maybe they should start paying attention to signs so they know what their rights are and are not. But then, maybe some people have a harder time comprehending ideas than those that are illiterate.

Reading Room Woes

Matt Kachur (2L)

With exam time just around the corner, it's time we go over a little something I like to call reading room etiquette. For many of us the friendly confines of the reading room offers us a distraction-free place to study and get stuff done. This space is sadly being misused, especially as of late. While many people blame the scapegoat that we use for almost everything wrong in our lives, this time it is not the snails. It is our own kind!

Here are 3 little things to remember if you want to use the reading room:

1. This is a no talking room

There is NO TALKING allowed in the reading room! If you want to say hi to someone or ask how they thought the party was last night, motion for them to go for a coffee with you, if not, shut up! The other students in the reading room don't really care what you are telling your friend. Many people think "well it's okay because I'm whispering";

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Reading Room Woes

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no, you're wrong. Whispering is just as, if not more, distracting to people trying to study. This is why MSN was invented people!!

2. This is a SILENT room

Silence goes beyond no talking. While some people think there should be no eating allowed in the reading room, I disagree. I think that sometimes you don't want to stop working to go by the couches to scarf down a quick bite. With this in mind, still be courteous. I'll spell it out for you... peeling an orange is good, opening that bag of Lays Potato Chips, bad. You know who you are, you're probably chomping on a chip right now in the reading room as you read this. Put it down, DOWN.

Crumpling papers, packing and unpacking of books, and worst of all, cell phones, all make noise. Please turn off your cell phones or set them to silent. Look, if you are expecting a phone call that important, you are not in the hardcore study mode that is required in the reading room. The reading room is refuge of the damned, or at least the focused, it is the safe house for those who need to focus. Respect that. Take your vibrating cell phone into the general third floor and sit with the rest of the commoners. When you're ready to learn the reading room will still be there.

3. The group rooms inside the reading rooms are not sound proof

If you want to have a group study session great, there are several rooms on the second and third floors to do it. The "group rooms" inside the reading room are still inside the reading room, so keep it down. Quiet talking is fine, but even a talking at regular volume, can be distracting. And yes we can hear what you're saying. And to the person who couldn't keep their concerned voice down, I do hope for the best on your STD check, and I'm sure it IS just a skin rash.

Like I said, there are several other rooms on the third floor, the gavel and the whole second floor to talk and study in groups. The group rooms in the reading room are for working in your own little space with friends and if something comes up, you can ask them a quick question, not have a full on chat-fest.

Please follow these rules to make sure that everyone can enjoy a SILENT workspace. We are all one faculty and should respect each other. This room is for everyone to enjoy, so be courteous. If these rules seem harsh, or if you're not sure as to whether you can do something in the reading room or not, remember this little rhyme: "when in doubt, stay out!!"

My Quest: What could have been a real life success story

Nitin Bhatia (3L)

After reading the title of this article you might have thought that this article would have to do with a girl, well you're wrong...although interestingly enough my quest to find a girl who looks like Jessica Alba and is down with guys who want to make it big in Bollywood has also been unsuccessful. Anyhow this article has to do with something more important, it has to do with a personal desire of mine to be the envy of those around me and be shrouded with fame and popularity in law school. How could this goal be achieved you might ask? Well, since the first time I picked up a Canons I knew the only way to make my dream a reality was to become "Law Guy" but, despite my best efforts over my three year stint in this faculty, I've remained a nobody amongst all of you. In first and second year I think I had the right skill set available to me to reach my goal but I just didn't have the heart...you could say I pulled a "Calgary Flame". But at the beginning of this school year I decided I would put up a stronger fight before accepting defeat, so I put in motion a plan, a plan to win over the editors of Canons and slowly creep my way into the Law Guy / Law Girl portion of the magazine. How would I win them over?

First, I cleverly decided to contribute 'entertaining' articles to Canons. I figured if I contributed something that readers would like then the readers would certainly approach the editors and tell them they liked that edition of Canons. See this would ultimately lead the editors to believe that they themselves did a good job for releasing an entertaining issue of Canons and feel like they were indebted to me somehow. Coincidentally, the editors did receive many emails from anonymous yahoo accounts mentioning how great Canons and its writers were and how many of my articles seemed to be delightful for the readers.

Next, I decided to start waving at article contributors in the hallway and making small chit-chat with the photographers just to get some "street cred" with the Canons core. What I discovered in these random encounters was that Ryan Lee Chee can actually keep a conversation about 'moles in peculiar places' relatively interesting and yet somewhat too informative. I also learned that Navid's 'dating tips' article was not meant to be funny. Oh and it turns out Jason Thomas does drink before writing each of his contributions which goes to show why doing anything besides dancing on a table under the influence of alcohol is never wise.

I figured by this point I had penetrated the group and was pretty much part of the Canons team so now all I needed to do was conveniently place myself in situations where the people selecting Law Guy would be hanging out. I'm no longer allowed to be within 20 feet of Mariana, Kate or Jessie according to the restraining order but I still maintain that I genuinely believed my persistent attitude would come off as inspiring rather than creepy. Turns out Rudy Rudigar was not very well liked at Notre Dame....I didn't see that coming.

So a few days ago I pretty much had given up on ideas as to how I would become Law Guy before I graduate, but right then and their God (in the form of Vista) smacked me in the face with an invitation to the Canons brainstorming session for the Carbolic issue. When I went to the session I brought up an article idea which basically would be about how I always wanted to be "Law Guy". The Canons team giggled and all thought I was going to write the article to be funny...little do they know it was just part of my ploy. I've planted the seed....success is inevitable....soon I shall be Law Guy and have money, fame, women, cars and an articling job and you will all kneel before me.

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Keep Fit and Have Fun!

Kristine Johns (3L)

What better way to wade through the 3L (a.k.a. 2 months-to-go) slump, the 2L articling phobia, or the 1L crisis? Well, as that ever smiling, multi-cultural couple Hal Johnson and Joanne McLeod from the 1990's commercials would suggest: "Keep fit, and have fun!"

So what are your options for this challenge? Well, you could climb stairs at the Tory Building (wherever that is!), practice martial arts, ride a mechanical bull & dance up a storm at a local club, make good use of this indoor weather with your significant other, or head to the 1970's style gym for cardio with a view, as just a few suggestions. You might even consider going for a walk, for those of you from east of Vancouver.

From my experience, nothing makes you better forget about statutes and drama at the Law School than a good, sweaty workout. Some of my best times in Edmonton were training for a half marathon during 2nd semester 1L, when it was actually possible for this Victoria girl to run outside; volleyball with the intramural Law team all 3 years; and dancing at law parties like nobody's business.

But whatever you do, do not become a slave to your workouts. Make sure to use that time to give yourself a break, feel good about your body and your health, and ideally double it up with bringing a friend along to gossip (with the exception of activities involving your significant other, of course).

So, it's not like you haven't heard this spiel before, but why is it really such a big deal? I think you know the answer to that. Even more importantly, what's stopping you? If your boyfriend just broke up with you, what better revenge. If your 1L moot partner experience was like sharing a room with a sibling when you were young, what better way to vent. And if you just don't think you have time, let's face it, you do. Got kids? Take them swimming with you. Have too far to go to get in shape? Don't get further away. Tend to forgo food than face a treadmill? Trust me… take on the treadmill.

In reality, most of us will be spending a heck of a lot of time on our bums, in front of computers, and crunched for time in the next few… well, lifetime. So why not figure out a way to make time for yourself now and become the new wave of fit, healthy, and fulfilled lawyers in contrast to our out of shape predecessors.

So come on girls… put that Lululemon gear to work! And guys… how 'bout some brawn behind those brains! Let's bring Sexy back to the Law School. And remember kids… Keep fit and have fun!

I Blew The Call

Nitin Bhatia (3L)

I'd like to step out of the shoes of an Oiler fan right now and discuss things in the perspective of a hockey fan in general. What is up with the referees in the NHL? Honestly, you would think after repeatedly being told you suck at your job over the course of your life you would find a way to do your job a little better. This year alone there have been over 20 highlight reel phantom calls, not to mention the horrible missed calls. Quite honestly, I can understand missed calls behind the play but I cannot understand visibly obvious missed calls.

Is it time to get 3 referees? Would that actually do the trick? I'm not sure if it would but I wouldn't mind seeing the NHL try, instead of defending the referees all the time with lame excuses. I also wouldn't mind seeing Refs get disciplined for being absolutely horrible…however the age old question of judicial independence is bound to brought up then. But really, so what? I'd rather have a ref be scared about screwing up instead of knowing full well that his job security is not affected by his performance. After all, almost every job has some pressure and stress involved and an employee's job security is almost always based on performance. Judges have job security but their decisions can be and usually are subject to an appeal where their decisions may be reversed if they have made a mistake. Due to the nature of sporting events its understandable that things cannot normally be reversed so an expectation from a referee to make the right call is going to be far greater. Some might find it comical that I'm arguing that a referee in the NHL should meet a higher standard of correctness as opposed to a member of the Canadian judiciary but I truly believe this argument has merit.

Ok, now back into the shoes of an Oiler fan… I'm writing this article on February 20, 2007. The

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The Law Hockey Pool returns for the 2006-2007 school year!

Current standings:

1. Antoine Gariepy	825	6. Katy Holland	805	11. Stefanie Quelch	798
2. Hugh Hammond7	824	7. Jonathan Cummin	800	12. Ryan Kary	796
3. Scott Kurie4	808	7. Ian Klaiman	800	13. Chris Boyle	795
3. Michael Klaray5	808	9. Vernon Eichorn2	799	14. Jesse Flookes1	794
5. Mike Gunther 1	807	9. Mel Garbe	799	173. Borky2000	449

Mooting Up a Storm: The Jessup

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school you go to, or even how you got there. It really makes for interesting small talk with everyone else who's there.

4. Mooting can be a great way to travel to some random places. I've now had the pleasure of being stuck on the tarmac at O'Hare International Airport for well over two hours on the third connecting flight of the day on the way home from Missouri, while the airline dealt with "weight issues" on the airplane, then "flight plan issues", then "fuel issues", and more "weight redistribution issues." Finally, they threw in the towel and asked for volunteers to leave the plane. In retrospect, it probably would've been a better idea to get off the plane at that point. Then again, I've also crashed Casino Night at Lewis & Clark, which felt like a shout-out to first year undergrad.

5. It's a good idea to stay for the awards ceremony (you might win unexpectedly), even if the only reason you stayed was to get the grown-up version of the participant ribbon from Sports Day in elementary school- the travel coffee mug.

6. Mooting can actually be pretty fun. I've always thought that doing client interviews would be interesting. But when you're sitting in front of a client (or actor, I suppose) with the craziest made-for-TV movie story and she's literally shaking from nerves, it's even better.

The Laskin Moot

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Should the Minister be found to be acting within the scope of powers, he must still provide reasons for his decisions since Mr. A has the right to full hearing, answer and defense. Canadian Ministers must have a mechanism of accountability; to do otherwise is an affront to natural justice, not to mention an attack on the Rule of Law at the foundation of our society. While individual freedom is not without limits, there are also limits to government power, and fundamental rights cannot be sacrificed on account of national security, when, as here, other options are available.

Mark Ammann, Counsel for the Respondent: As we are occasionally reminded, airplanes can be attacked or hijacked and cause extraordinary death and damage. Our safety is necessarily in the hands of Transport Security, the RCMP & CSIS. In this case, Mr. A has been flagged as a threat by officials who have special expertise at investigating potential dangers. It is the Ministry of Transport's mandate to protect passengers on Canadian planes, and if Mr. A has been flagged as a threat, the Ministry has broad powers to keep him off a plane, even by using a no fly list. While the Ministry sympathizes with Mr. A's desire for reasons, Mr. A too must understand that if everyone knew exactly why they were on the no fly list, the screening criteria would soon become common knowledge and easily avoidable. Removing the privilege of airline flight from some individuals is necessary, and the Minister must ultimately be allowed to do his job.

Our Conclusion: After reading both sides of this argument, different readers have different opinions about the outcome. However, one thing our team does agree on is that, the benefit of a competitive moot is honing one's advocacy skills on what is usually, as was the case this year, a very engaging issue, and gaining valuable experience appearing before real judges.

The key responsibility in any Moot is one of ambassadorship. Winners are long forgotten soon after the competition is over, but the impression a group of lawyers-in-training can leave on individual judges or fellow competitors can be far-reaching and long-lasting. If those who interacted with us felt we were courteous, respectful and tenacious opponents, we would feel we succeeded.

I Blew the Call

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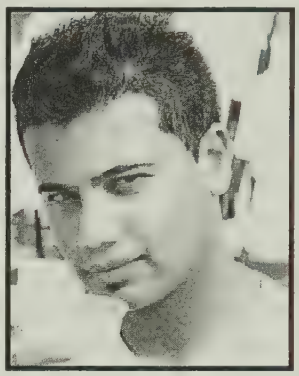
Oilers are currently 8 points out of 8th place of the Western Conference with 1 game in hand over the Minnesota Wild who happen to be holding the 8th place position. Assuming the Oilers win tonight they will be 6 points out of 8th place with 22 games left to be played of which 5 are with the Minnesota Wild and 2 are with the 10th place Colorado Avalanche. Realistically, the Oilers have quite a climb ahead of them if they want to steal the 8th spot this year and it has become clear that this spot may end up being captured by simply a difference of one point. One point. How important that one point could be really shows now doesn't it? This brings me back to November 3, 2006 Oilers v. Stars...the Oilers are down 3-2 with less than 1 minute to go, Horcoff takes the faceoff in the Stars zone, wins the faceoff, Stoll shoots and Hemsky redirects the puck to Smyth who SCORES!!!!! 3-3 Baby!!! Oh...oh wait...what? Hand-pass? Has anyone ever called a hand-pass off a faceoff ever before? No...so let's call it now in a clutch moment of a game...oh even better...let's call it without any basis and without a proper view of the faceoff circle...I'm MICK MCGEOUGH and I'm a MORON! After being hit by 3 glasses of beer and random left over chicken wings and French fries and then being boo'ed louder than Comrie and Pronger combined McGeough decided to come out of his dressing room and admit his folly by saying "I blew the call, it was poor judgement on my part". Afterwards, Mactavish was fined for criticising McGeough while McGeough got away without any disciplinary action. McGeough blew one game for the Oilers but come April 7 we'll know if he blew an entire season for them.



(Editor's Note: Well, looks like it didn't matter. They blew it on their own. Maybe next year Nitin?)

REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR THE DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF LAW

Professor David Percy's first term as Dean of the Faculty of Law will end on June 30, 2007; and Dean Percy has indicated that he intends to seek a second term in office. Therefore, a Review Committee has been established in accordance with University regulations.

At this point in its deliberations, the Review Committee is interested in your opinions about the state of the Faculty of Law under the leadership of Dean Percy. The Committee believes it is critical that all faculty, staff and students in the Faculty of Law and other members of the community have the opportunity to convey their views to the Committee. All input must be signed; however, members of the community may ask the Provost to have their input circulated to the committee without attribution.

Specifically, the Committee is interested in the following:

1) Leadership – ability to provide a vision and direction for the Faculty of Law and achieve the strategic goals of the Faculty;
2) Management – fairness, balance and effectiveness in decision-making affecting the direction of the Faculty of Law; effectiveness at setting priorities and dealing with issues;
3) Personnel Management – issues dealing with the recruitment and retention of staff, as well as the administration of all personnel within the Faculty of Law;
4) Contributions – the contributions of the Dean within the Faculty of Law, the University, the Community (including alumni), and Professional Fields;
5) Development – the success of the Faculty in achieving its goals with resources available and the effectiveness of the Dean in seeking outside funding through fund development and advancement activities;
6) Communications – the effectiveness of both internal and external communications;
7) Other matters.

If you wish to respond to the above issues, please forward your comments/advice no later than **March 9, 2007** to my attention:

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In addition, an open 'Public Forum' with the Dean is scheduled for Tuesday, March 6, 12:00 – 1:00 pm in McLennan Ross Hall (231/237 Law Centre). At the Forum, the Dean will discuss his vision for the Faculty of Law for the next five years. There will be an opportunity to provide feedback following the presentation.

Your views are important and I encourage you to share your thoughts with the committee. Please feel free to submit your comments to any member of the Committee. For additional information, contact any member of the Dean Review Committee or myself.

Thank you for your assistance.

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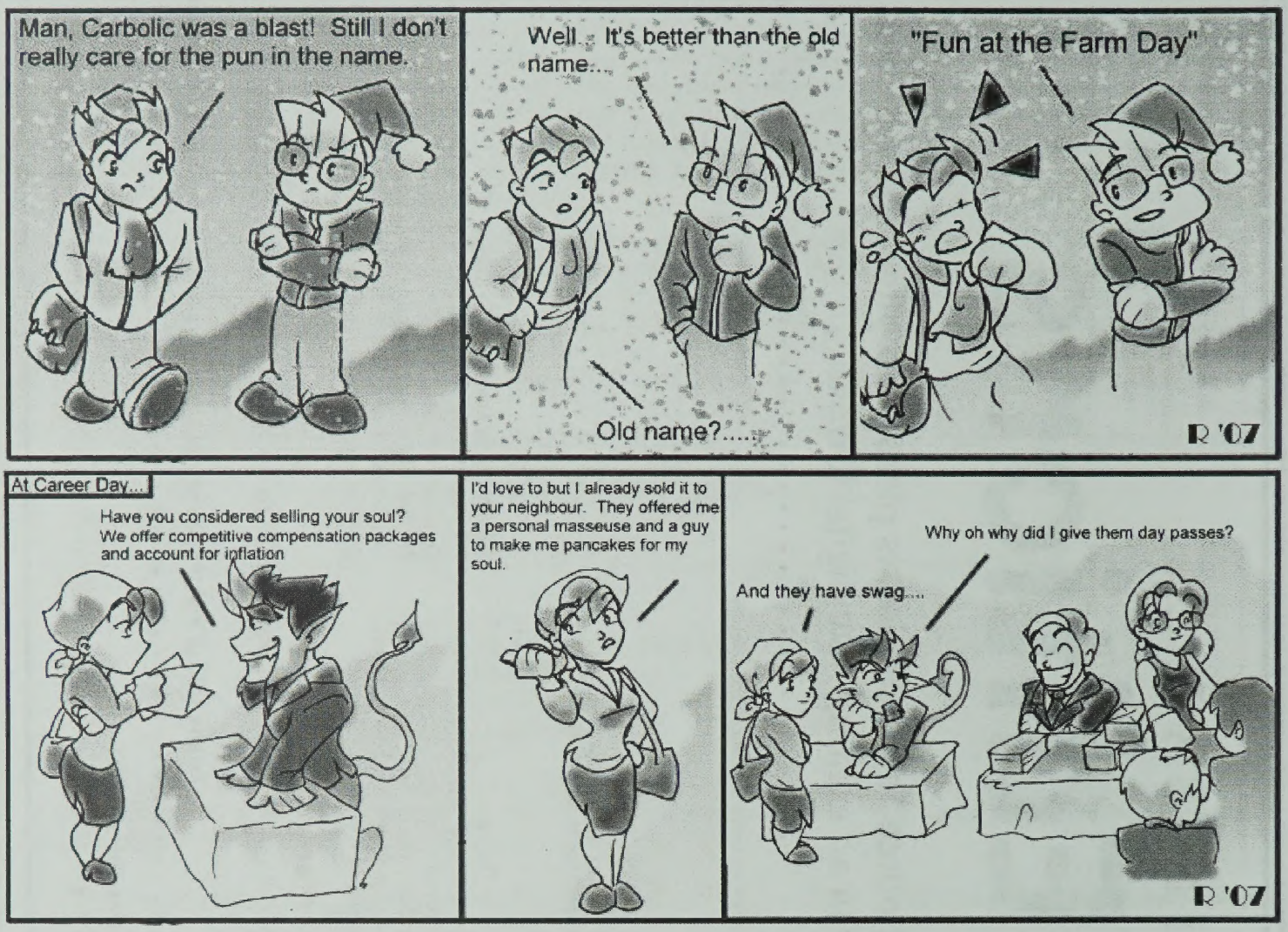
Ryan McFarlane (2L)


Man, Carbolic was a blast! Still I don't really care for the pun in the name.
Well... It's better than the old name...
Old name?....
"Fun at the Farm Day"
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At Career Day...
Have you considered selling your soul? We offer competitive compensation packages and account for inflation
I'd love to but I already sold it to your neighbour. They offered me a personal masseuse and a guy to make me pancakes for my soul.
Why oh why did I give them day passes?
And they have swag....
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Intellectual Property Law and International Human Rights

Geeta Sehgal (3L)

On January 31, as part of the U of A's annual International Week, Professor Cameron Hutchison of the Faculty of Law, and Ted Yoo, a partner at Bennett Jones (and sessional lecturer in the Faculty), delivered a thought-provoking presentation on the global effects of intellectual property law.

For the uninitiated, International Week is one of the largest extracurricular events on campus. It is coordinated by the Global Education Program of the University of Alberta International, with the goal of bringing greater awareness to campus, and the broader educational community, about global issues. The theme this year was "Beyond Terror: The Real Weapons of Mass Destruction" and focused on looking at issues such as crises in human rights, global poverty, and environmental degradation as being more harmful than terrorism.

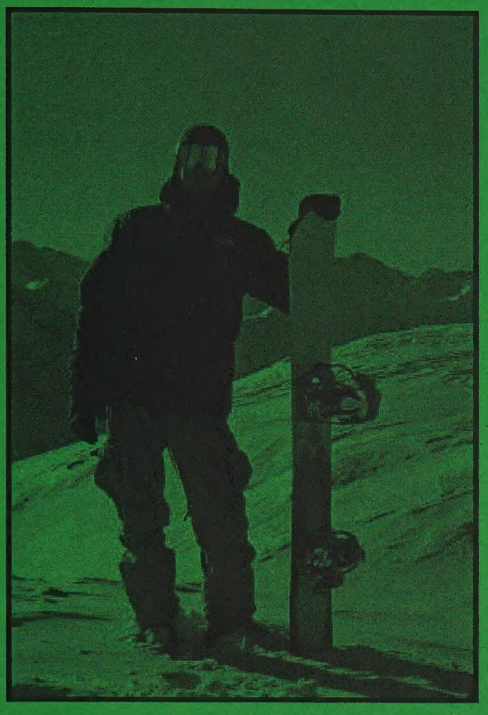
Where does Intellectual Property fit into this? Mostly in the way it relates to people accessing the most basic necessities of life, including food, medication, and safer new technologies. Professor Hutchison and Mr. Yoo began by discussing the tensions in intellectual property law, and the rationales behind protecting intellectual property rights. As is seen in domestic law, there is perceived to be a need to protect and reward innovative creators of new ideas, but there is also a need to protect the public from the abuse of patent protections. The main question is whether this tension becomes different on a global scale – are vulnerable people in other parts of the world worse off when they encounter international intellectual property law?

This issue has made huge headlines in recent years with respect to patents on HIV/AIDS medications, and the way this limits access for people in poor countries. Professor Hutchison described recent amendments to the WTO's Trade-Related Intellectual Property Rights Agreement (TRIPs) as attempting to improve access; unfortunately these changes have had little impact on a practical level. Mr. Yoo also discussed the case of Golden Rice, and the complex collaboration between dozens of separate patent-holders to allow farmers in developing countries access to the product for humanitarian purposes.

The audience for this presentation was comprised of students from a number of faculties in the university, and community members of all ages. The lecture was followed by an extensive question and discussion period as enthusiastic and concerned attendees tried to consider possible solutions to the problems highlighted by the presenters, and their stances on the importance of patent protections.

Law Guy: Denver

Interviews By: Kate Snowsell (1L) & Jessie Bachinsky (1L)



Denver Brust
1L
History major, Economics minor

1. So far, what has been your best moment in law school?
Best moment in law school so far was the minute after our Torts exam- the last exam of the semester and the first beer of winter break.

2. If you were able to wear whatever you wanted under the robes in court, what would it be?
Diamond patterned neon spandex.

3. If Hollywood made a movie about your life whom would play the lead role and why?
Brad Pitt would probably play the lead, because women react to both of us in much the same manner.

4. What is your typical exam ritual?
Wake up early, get most of my studying done before 4pm. Get in a solid workout, eat a huge dinner, and play video games until my 11pm bedtime.

5. If you could be a superhero who would it be and why?
Wolverine- what a badass.

6. If you were given another 400 dollar cheque from the government what would you do with it?
I have a friend doing a practicum in Rwanda this summer, so I'd buy $400 worth of deflated soccer balls and send them off with him to distribute to the village children wherever he travels.

7. Name a fashion faux pas that drives you crazy.
Pants tucked into socks; It used to be cool, but those days are over.

8. What is the best gift you've ever received?
My current snowboard- 167cm Salomon Burner, a gift from my parents

Law Girl: Justine

1. So far, what has been your best moment in law school?
Chasing bunnies outside the school. I'm still trying to catch one, but they're scary when they hiss at you!!!

2. If you were able to wear whatever you wanted under the robes in court, what would it be?
A rashie and a pair of board shorts (I'd keep my board in chambers...haha)

3. If Hollywood made a movie about your life whom would play the lead role and why?
Kate Bosworth, our resemblance is a whopping 96% (according to a celebrity lookalikes website), and only 'cause she played a surfer chick once.

4. What is your typical exam ritual?
Addiction to energy drinks, cramming, and crying a little bit.

5. If you could be a superhero who would it be and why?
She-Ra 'cause He-Man was totally hot and had a pet tiger...grrrrrrr

6. If you were given another 400 dollar cheque from the government, what would you do with it?
Give it back, so the government could spend it on hippy stuff like renewable resources...and trees

7. Name a fashion faux pas that drives you crazy:
Tailored pants that are cuffed too short.

8. What is the best gift you've ever received?
Tundra flowers picked from the shores of the Arctic Ocean

Justine Farrow
2L
Hometown: Yellowknife, NWT

March Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Small Firm Day	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 General Election Information Meeting	9 Aboriginal Law Career Day 1-2:30 Hallway	10 GRAD at Crowne Plaza
11	12 Outside Edmonton and Calgary 12 noon - Room 207 LSA Nominations open 9am	13 LSA Nominations close 5pm	14 Public Law Career Day 12-2 Hallway	15 Questions to ask firms.. noon room 231 LSA Mandatory meeting for all candidates	16	17 Open House! St. Patrick Day Party at Stoli's
18	19 LSA Campaigning begins 7am	20	21 LSA Campaign speeches @ noon, campaigning ends 10pm	22 Voting	23 Voting	24
25	26	27	28	29 SLS Volunteer Appreciation Party 12-1 Room 105	30	31

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